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1. PARTIALLY CONFIRMING REFTEL, BRIEF ADN ITEM REPORTS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES CONVENED IN (EAST) BERLIN OCTOBER 30-31 TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST. PARTICIPANTS, REPRESENTING ALL WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AND MONGOLIA BUT NOT IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALLY, ALSO MET WITH SINDERMANN, CHAIRMAN OF GDR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. ACCORDING TO RUMORS HERE, MAIN PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS LINE SOVIETS INTENDED TO TAKE WITH SCHEEL IN MOSCOW, AS WELL AS TO INITIATE PREPARATIONS FOR WP SUMMIT MEETING USUALLY TAKING PLACE TOWARDS END OF YEAR.
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2. IF THESE RUMORS ACCURATE, MONGOLAIN PARTICIPATION
IN EAST BERLIN CONSULTATIONS WOULD INDICATE INCREASED
INVOLVEMENT OF MONGOLIA IN REGIONAL WARSAW PACT AFFAIRS.
CONVERSELY, FACT THAT JUST-CONCLUDED MEETING OF WP
DEFENSE COUNCIL IN PRAGUE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CONFERENCE
OF LEADERSHIP OF "SOCIALIST MILITARY COALITION," A
GROUP PRESUMABLY INCLUDING WP MEMBERS PLUS MONGOLIA,
COULD SUGGEST SOVIET EFFORT EXTEND EE'S MILITARY
COMMITMENTS BEYOND EUROPE, I.E. SOVIET-CHINESE BORDER.
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